



THE SAVING WORD

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD / B

16 MAY 2021

FIRST READING

Acts 1: 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky?
Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom of Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**



RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 46: 2-3, 6-9. R. v. 6

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (*or*
Alleluia!)

1. All peoples, clap your hands, / cry to God
with shouts of joy! / For the Lord, the Most
High, we must fear, / great king over all the
earth. **R.**

2. God goes up with shouts of joy; / the Lord
goes up with trumpet blast. / Sing praise for
God, sing praise, / sing praise to our king, sing
praise. **R.**

3. God is king of all the earth. / Sing praise
with all your skill. / God is king over the
nations; / God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

SECOND READING

Eph 1: 17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven,



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Thursday: 9am – 12.30pm

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Parish Priest: Fr Paul Raj
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MASS INTENTIONS



The Ascension of the Lord, 16 May

6pm Mass for Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew De Sousa (RIP) + Ivan Resic (RIP)
Sunday 9am Mass for Stephen Randall + Maria & Bosko Kalat (RIP)
11am Baptism of Archie Paul Stack + Leo John Stack + Mia Johanna Stack



Monday 17 May

7-9pm Holy Trinity Prayer Group



Tuesday 18 May ... St John I

9am Mass for Davina Paul (Birthday Intentions)
2pm Funeral Mass for Anne McShane

Wednesday 19 May

9am Mass for Communion Service
Morning Tea after Mass
10.30am Legion of Mary
6-7pm Eucharistic Adoration



Thursday 20 May ... St Bernardine of Siena

8.15am Mass at Seton Catholic College
9am-4pm Church Open for Prayers
6.30pm Mass for Carmelia Ouro (RIP 2nd Anniversary)



Friday 21 May ... St Christopher Magallanes, Companions, Martyrs

9am Mass for Deceased Members De Ornelas Family
9.30-10.30am Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 22 May ... St Rita of Cascia

9am Mass for Parishioners Intentions

Pentecost Sunday, 23 May

6pm Mass for Giovanna Sgro (RIP Birthday)
Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)
Sunday 9am Mass for Giuseppina Nunziato Cannavo (RIP Anniversary)



WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH

If you are a new parishioner, please introduce yourself to Fr Paul. We could like to know a bit about you and your family. You can also fill in a Parishioner Registration Form and join in the Parish Planned Giving Program.



PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS

Christine Rhow, Veronica, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, David Azzaro, Steven, Davina, Elisabetta Paddon, Dermot McKernon, Edward Fortune, Lou Collova, Franca Kalat, Joan McGrath, Zdenka Mravljincic, Christine Parish, Jacqueline Gracy - Fr Paul's Sister, Beatrice Fernandez – Davina's Grandmother ...



2021 SACRAMENT DATES

CONFIRMATION
9am Sunday 20 June



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
9am Sunday 12 September

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30-10am and 5.15-5.45pm
Or by appointment.



MASS INTENTIONS

Suggested Offering **\$15 per Mass**. Please give Mass Intention Envelopes to Fr Paul or Parish Office.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Pentecost Sunday, 23 May
1st: Acts 2:1-11
2nd: Gal 5:16-25
Gospel: Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.



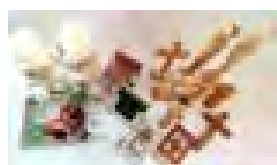


STEWARDSHIP: Theology of Stewardship – Giving Thanks in the Bad Times ...

The third clue in the miracle of the loaves and the fish lies in what Jesus did with the little he and his friends had. Jesus broke the bread and gave it to his disciples to share with the people.



OLMC PIETY STALL: Open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday mornings before and after 9am Masses. Please contact Marion on 0415 917 496 for more information.



CARMEL OF THE HOLY TRINITY GIFT SHOP:

The Carmelite Sisters have established an online shop to assist with maintenance works and to preserve their Chapel and Monastery buildings. Please visit their shop online at:

www.holytrinitycarmel.com.au.



CHURCH AIR CONDITIONING:

Cooling in summer and heating in winter are essential need these days for all of us, especially to our elderly parishioners. The present evaporative system in the church is not performing well. Now it is time to have split system air conditioning – heater and cooler in our church. We will have more discussion in our Parish council and Finance Committee. In the meantime, your support for the air conditioning is welcome. Please consider sponsoring a unit. We need 9 or 10 units to be installed. I will give you more details soon. Your contribution (donation) is welcome. **Fr Paul.**



CONDOLENCES: On Tuesday 18 May 2021 at 2pm, we will have Funeral Mass for Anne McShane who was Presbytery Cleaner for 25 years at OLMC Hilton. Her nephew Fr Michael McShane SJ (Society of Jesus) is coming from NSW to celebrate his Aunt's Funeral Mass. Our prayers and thoughts are with Anne's family and with all who knew her in the parish.



BIRTHDAY WISHES: Wishing Davina Paul a very Happy Birthday on Tuesday 18 May 2021. May your birthday wishes come true. God bless



INDIA COVID-19 EMERGENCY APPEAL:

Caritas India, our partner in India, is currently working to set up COVID-19 information and quarantine centres to support people living in marginalised communities during this crisis. Many of the communities that Caritas India works with are highly vulnerable to COVID-19, and to food insecurity and poverty in the case of a lockdown. Our partners on the ground are working to provide food, hygiene materials, prevention education, as well as psychosocial support to the most vulnerable. Your generous donation means our partners in India can respond quickly and efficiently to support vulnerable communities during this crisis. We will have collection at the end of Masses during this weekend or you can visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online.



Aid to the Church in Need

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: A message from Aid to the Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA *Australia:* ACN Australia has just launched its new *Healing the Wounds of Religious Extremism in Africa* Global Campaign. Tragically, Africa is the continent with the highest number of murdered priests, religious, and catechists and it is home to 234 million Catholics. As such, ACN views its task in supporting the Catholic Church there as necessary. To help support our brothers and sisters in Africa visit www.aidtochurch.org/africa.



SCHOENSTATT MAY PILGRIMAGE:

Sunday 23 May 2021 at 2.30pm-4.30pm. May Devotions **Saturday 15 May, 22 and 29** at 3pm includes rosary, May Devotion and Benediction. We hope you can join us in these events to honour Our Lady in her month of May. In the attachment, you will find the flyers for the two events for printing on your bulletin boards. Wishing you all a grace filled May month under the protection of Our Lady, our tender Mother. Gratefully, the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary.



CCR PENTECOST SUNDAY MASS -

23rd May: Participants in the 'Life in the Spirit' Seminars, being held at various parishes across our city, will come together for a special Mass on Pentecost Sunday at the Gosnells parish church, commencing at 4pm. This event is

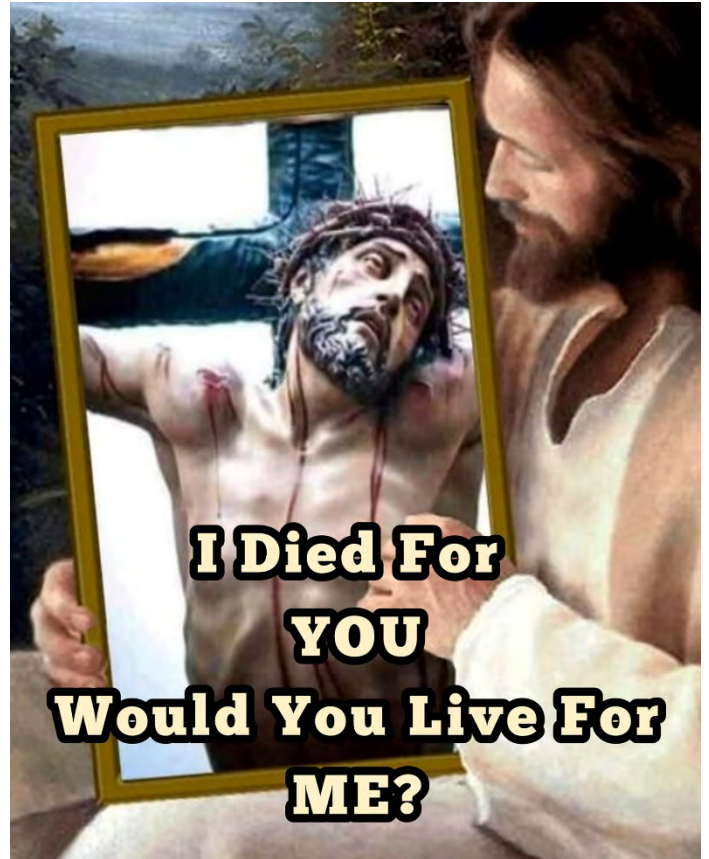


the 'pinnacle' of the LISS's, the occasion for all participants to invite the Holy Spirit to take His rightful place in their lives. **ALL are welcome to attend** and I invite you to bring a plate for a shared meal after ceremonies. The day should finish around 7pm. Further info Dan 0409 849 049.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



- MAY 1 — ST. JOSEPH The WORKER
- MAY 13 — ASCENSION OF THE LORD - Solemnity
- MAY 13 — OUR LADY OF FATIMA
- MAY 23 — PENTECOST SUNDAY - Solemnity
Birthday of the Catholic Church
- MAY 30 — HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY - Solemnity
- MAY 31 — VISITATION Of The BLESSED VIRGIN MARY










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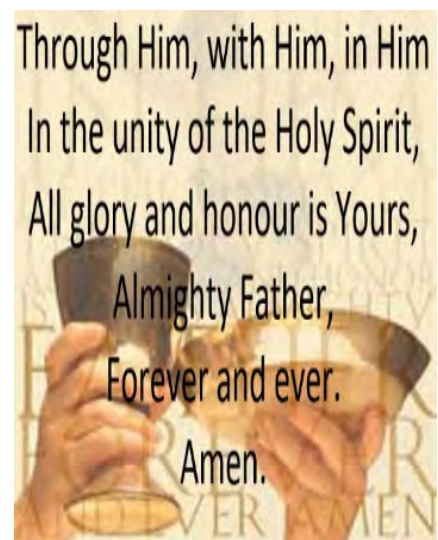
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<p>OUR LADY of MT CARMEL NOVENA: God our Father, prompted by Your Spirit the order of Carmel has from the beginning dedicated itself to the Mother of Your Son. As she unites her prayers with ours, look with favour upon us and bless our families, keep each of us from harm And bring us to the joy of heaven. We ask this through Jesus the Lord. Amen.</p> 	<p>SOULS in PURGATORY PRAYER: Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, for those in my own home, and in my family. Amen.</p> 	<p>OUR LADY of ALL NATIONS PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, send now Your Spirit over the earth. Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all nations, that they may be preserved from degeneration, disaster and war. May the Lady of All Nations, the Blessed Virgin Mary, be our Advocate. Amen.</p> 
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<p>PRAYER FOR PRIESTS By St Faustina: O my Jesus, I beg you on behalf of the whole Church: Grant it love and the light of your Spirit, and give power to the words of priests so that hardened hearts might be brought to repentance and return to you, O Lord. Lord, give us holy priests; you yourself maintain them in holiness. O Divine and Great High Priest, may the power of your mercy accompany them everywhere and protect them from the devil's traps and snares which are continually being set for the souls of priests. May the power of your mercy, O Lord, shatter and bring to naught all that might tarnish the sanctity of priests, for you can do all things.</p> 	<p>Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hilton</p> <p>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION One Hour with Jesus Wednesday Evenings 7 – 8pm Friday Mornings 9.30 – 10.30am</p> 
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WEEK 3 MAY 15-16 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Loretta Masnada	Carmel Collova	Gerald Farrell
Sun 7.30am	Mark Ryan	Maureen Cooper	Frank Cooper
Sun 9am	Toni Kalat	Maria Alberti	Joe De Ornelas
WEEK 4 MAY 22-23 PENTECOST SUNDAY	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Volunteer	Katie Hughes	Enrico D'Alessandro
Sun 7.30am	Diane Richards	Jenny Troy	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Monica Cook	Elizabeth Sabella	Gerald Farrell



far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 28: 19, 20
Alleluia, alleluia! / Go and teach all people my gospel. / I am with you always, until the end of the world. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 16: 15-20
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word

CALLED TO PREACH THE GOOD NEWS

As I write I'm in a transit lounge and, as it turns out, it's probably the most appropriate place from which to reflect on the feast of the Ascension which was a moment of great transition for the early church. As Jesus ascended the disciples were invited to leave behind what was known and familiar. Now the time had come to begin a new stage of the journey as they continued Jesus' mission. Many questions remained and they were uncertain about their ability to cope with the changes that lay before them. Jesus had proclaimed the coming of the kingdom. Now the task had been entrusted to them.

In a time of transition and change, we can all have the need for a point of reference that helps give direction and a sense of purpose. Paul writes from prison, bound and seemingly powerless, but he knows that the most powerful bonds for the Christian are those of love. For the Christians of Ephesus, the call is to be worthy of the vocation they have received, to grow in their baptism, and in their love and care for one another.

In a sense, the Ascension is something that happens to each and every individual Christian and community when we take up the task of preaching the gospel in our own time and place. We are still called to preach the good news of the kingdom, to carry on the task which Jesus has entrusted to us. There are still many questions in the life of the Church and there always will be.

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